

# M'KINLEY IS FIRM

Will Receive Cuban Commission Courteously

But they Must Understand that the Platt Amendment Can't be Modified

## MORGAN NOT AFTER PANAMA

Report that he wants Panama Company is a Fake

There is no Attempt Being Made to Reopen Negotiations with England

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, April 15.—President McKinley has conferred with a number of Senators and Representatives on the back and forth action of the Cuban Constitutional Convention on the conditions offered Cuba, and its deciding to send a Commission to Washington. The President will courteously receive the Commission, but will make it plain to them that the conditions offered are final and that they must be accepted sooner or later. The opinion of the President and those with whom he has conferred, including Democrats as well as Republicans, was reflected in the following statement made by Senator McComas, just after having had a talk with the President: "The Cubans are simply standing in their own light in not accepting the terms of the Platt amendment. This amendment was necessary, just and ultimate. We cannot change a single one of the provisions of the amendment in justice to the Cubans themselves, not taking into consideration our own interests. Each provision is a prop to the future republic. If a committee comes up here from the Cuban Constitutional Convention, I think they can find that out. They certainly cannot accomplish anything in the way of modification to the Platt amendment. They will learn what they ought to know now, that the President has no power to repeal or modify an Act of Congress. They are to be treated all right when they visit Washington, but I believe they will go back home with plainer ideas of the intentions of this government." Senator Cockrell, a Democratic member of the Senate committee on Cuba, who has just returned from a visit to the island, expressed the opinion that the convention would in the end accept the Platt amendment, although he said he would not be surprised if they took several more indecisive votes before doing so. He evidently believes that some of the members of the Convention wish to be persuaded.

A prominent civil engineer of Washington, who on the strength of the recent rumor that an American syndicate, headed by J. Pierpont Morgan, had bought or were about to buy the franchise of the Panama Canal Co., wrote to the headquarters of the Panama Railroad Company, in New York, offering his services, has received a letter from S. Deming, Treasurer of that company saying there was no truth whatever in the report that J. P. Morgan, or anyone else, had purchased or were negotiating for the purchase of the franchise of the Panama Canal Company. That effectually disposes of that fake.

Lieut. Gen. Schofield, who came to Washington to preside over the Congress of the Loyal Legion, of which he is President, held last week, said of the Philippines: "I regard it as a good thing for the people of this country that there is a problem to be worked out in the Philippines. The young men will find opportunities out there and the improvement of them will be a benefit to the country."

There is no foundation for the negotiations for a new treaty with Great Britain, dealing with the Isthmian canal question, have been started. After the lapsing of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty by the failure of Great Britain to accept it, President McKinley directed Secretary Hay to ascertain, if possible, from Senators, whether two-thirds of the Senators could be counted upon to vote for the ratification of a treaty that would, in all its main features, be acceptable both to this government and that of Great Britain. This task, by no means an easy one, Secretary Hay is still engaged on, and until it is completed, there will be no negotiations, as until then Secretary Hay will be unable to even acquaint the British ambassador with the basis upon which this government will negotiate. The cable news that negotiations had been started in London, was as false as the Washington story. Whenever there are negotiations along this line, they will be conducted at Washington. President McKinley has absolute confidence in

Ambassador Choate, but this matter is so important that he intends to keep it where he can personally watch every step taken.

## ENCAMPMENT POSTPONED

G. A. R. Will Meet a Month Later to Secure the President.

Topeka, April 16.—Department Commander W. W. Martin, of the Kansas G. A. R. announced to-day that the G. A. R. encampment billed for Junction City May 8-9 had been postponed until June 6-8. The postponement is due to the fact that President McKinley announced that he would visit the encampment if it was held during his tour through Kansas. A message from the President's secretary to-day said that the president would be able to spend three-quarters of an hour at the Junction City encampment, between 8:15 and 9 o'clock on the morning of June 8. If the encampment was in session at that time, Commander Martin replied that the encampment would be postponed until that date and that the old soldiers of Kansas would be delighted to welcome President McKinley on that occasion.

## KEEP UP MINE STRIKES

Committee Takes Action on Kansas, Arkansas and Indian Territory.

Indianapolis, April 15.—The executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, in session here, has decided to continue the strike in the bituminous coal fields of Kansas, Arkansas and the Indian Territory. This strike has been in progress for more than two years and has already cost the national organization an immense amount. The board has just made provision for continuing the relief fund, with which over 3,000 miners and their families are now being maintained. The strike was declared because the operators refused to grant an advance of ten per cent, but non-union men who were imported to take the strikers' places were paid the increase demanded by the organization.

## THE MASONS IN WICHITA

Grand Preparations are Being Made for the

## TWENTIETH CENTURY JUBILEE

Leading Masons from all over the Country

At the Big Banquet Thursday Night \$1200 Will be Spent for Champagne Alone

Wichita, Kansas, April 15.—Wichita has been given over to the Masons. All told, it is estimated that more than 1,000 members of the order from all parts of the country will be in this city tomorrow, the first day of the twentieth century jubilee. Some 300 out-of-town Masons arrived tonight, many of them in special trains, and as many more are expected tomorrow. James D. Richardson, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., sovereign grand commander of the Southern jurisdiction; Fred Webber, of Washington, D. C., Secretary General Martin Collins, of St. Louis, minister of state of supreme council; A. C. Stewart, of St. Louis, accompanied by their respective staffs, arrived in a special train over the Frisco from St. Louis tonight. A class of 150 applicants was organized tonight, and the members will be initiated tomorrow morning. Henry L. Palmer, of Milwaukee, sovereign grand commander of the Northern jurisdiction, and staff will arrive in a special train tomorrow morning. The jubilee will conclude with a banquet Thursday night. Elaborate preparations have been made for the latter, and \$1,200 has been spent for the champagne alone.

CONFERRING DEGREES  
Wichita, Kansas, April 16.—This morning the Scottish Rite began conferring degrees. The class was larger than expected, there being 178 in it. Among the distinguished citizens in the class were Morton Albaugh, of Kingman, the chairman of the Republican State committee; Congressman Chester I. Long, of Medicine Lodge; ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson and Judge S. R. Peters, of Newton. Henry L. Palmer, of Milwaukee, and staff arrived in a special train this morning. Mr. Palmer is the sovereign grand commander of the Northern jurisdiction. The visitors tonight were entertained at the Scottish Rite temple with an elaborate program, after which the work of conferring the various degrees continued until a late hour. Contrary to expectations President Diaz is not present at the jubilee and neither has he sent a personal representative. A letter of regret, however, was received tonight. Tomorrow the degrees from Knight of the East and West to that of Scottish Knight of St. Andrew, the twenty-ninth inclusive, will be conferred.

## BIG RUSSIAN STRIKE

Eighty Thousand Working Men Causing Trouble

## MANY LOSE THEIR LIVES

Over Fifteen Hundred Arrests have been Made

Serious Trouble at Both St. Petersburg and Odessa Resulting in Riot and Arson

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.

Lemberg, Galicia, April 16.—Smuggled Russian dispatches assert that eighty thousand workmen are on a strike in various places in Russia. There have been desperate riots at St. Petersburg attended by conflicts between the working people and troops. Many were killed and wounded and fifteen hundred arrested. Near Odessa the mob burned many buildings.

## NEW ELECTION LAW TEST

Republicans Arrange to Have a Test Case Brought.

Topeka, April 15.—An early decision will be obtained on the new biennial election law. The Republicans of the Osage-Wabunsee district will hold a convention on April 30 and nominate Judge William Thompson for re-election as district judge. This will be the first political convention of the year. Judge Thompson will immediately thereafter present his certificate of nomination, and Secretary of State Clark will refuse to file it. Judge Thompson will sue for a writ of mandamus to compel Clark to file it, and the constitutionality of the biennial election law will be pleaded before the supreme court in that manner.

## OFFICIALS ARE ALARMED

Think There is Too Much Speculation on Wall Street.

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.

Washington, April 16.—The treasury officials are much concerned over the immense speculation on Wall street. The officials say that a perfect mania has developed for the organization of trusts and there is large over capitalization in many instances. A day of reckoning is certain when an effort will be made to squeeze water from the stock. Money which belongs to legitimate commercial enterprises has been diverted into avenues of speculation, hence a panic on Wall street will have a serious effect on general business.

## MUST KEEP ROADS GOOD

Post Office Department Will Require it For Rural Delivery.

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.

Washington, April 16.—The Post Office department is considering the desirability of giving a notice to patrons of existing rural delivery routes that they will be abolished unless the roads are kept in good condition. The officials say that the winter season is one of comparative idleness on the farms hence the agriculturalists should keep the roads open if they desire free delivery. After July five thousand new routes are to be established at an estimated annual cost of five hundred dollars each.

## HEFFLEBOWER'S LUCK

Texas Oil Lands Sold for \$100,000 by the Ex-Treasurer.

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.

Abilene, Kansas, April 15.—Reliable information says that D. H. Hefflebower, of Bucyrus, ex-treasurer of state, sold a tract of land in the Beaumont, Texas, oil district Saturday for \$100,000. Two Western Union operators, who made the deal, received \$5,000 each commission. Mr. Hefflebower is a Populist and served under the Leedy administration.

## STEYN IS RE-ELECTED

Don't Look as if He Intended to Surrender.

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.

Cape Town, April 16.—It is reported that President Steyn, former president of the Orange Free State, recently summoned a Congress of the Free Staters near Boshoff and had himself re-elected president, his term having expired. This seems to dispose of his intention to surrender.

## HE DENIES THE CHARGE

Major Davis says he Did Not Accept a Bribe.

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.

Washington, April 16.—The results of the Adjutant General's investigation of the commissary frauds at Manila through correspondence with General McArthur is denied to the public. The story of the sale of champagne through the commissary is admitted to be true. Major Davis who is accused at Manila of accepting a thousand dollar bribe is here and denies the charge.

## FIVE GO TO WASHINGTON

The Cuban Constitutional Convention Names a Committee to Visit the President.

Havana, April 15.—At today's session of the Cuban constitutional convention five delegates—Senors Diego Tamayo, Capote, Berriel, Portuondo and Lorenzo—were appointed a commission to go to Washington to lay before President McKinley the desires of the convention regarding the future relations between Cuba and the United States. The commission was instructed to confer with Governor General Wood regarding the date of departure and the best conditions for an interview with the president.

At tomorrow's session the convention will consider the advisability of adjourning until the return of the commission.

## KANSAS PENSIONS

A List of the Kansas Soldiers Made Happy

Washington, April 13.—Pensions for Kansas were granted today as follows:

Original, John Parker, Marquette, \$6; George Huff, Olathe, \$6; additional, Cyrus Sylvester, Olathe, \$10; John Pattee, Iola, \$12; supplemental, Alfred Richardson, Havensville, \$6; increase, George McIntyre, Olathe, \$10; James Boyd, Toronto, \$12; Lewis Smith, Norton, \$8; William Kahn, Burlington, \$8; Peter Hubel, Hill City, \$12; reissue, Lorenzo Boone, Chanute, \$30; widows, Nancy Huttlinger, Leavenworth \$8; minor of Ruel Smith, Hamlin, \$10.

Original, Andrew Sweet, Stockdale \$8; John Lennan, Gaylord, \$10; Charles Cook, Newton, \$8; increase, William Sawyer, Fort Scott, \$10; Homer Benton, Wamego, \$10; Robert Richmond, Fort Scott, \$8; Oliver Huntington, Gaylord, \$12; widows, Eliza McFee, Iola, \$12; Celestia Dyer, Pittsburg, \$8; Tabitha Plant, Topeka, \$8.

## JENKINS THE MAN

He will be Appointed Governor of Oklahoma

Washington, April 15.—President McKinley announced today that he had decided to appoint William M. Jenkins to succeed C. M. Barnes as governor of Oklahoma. The appointment will be made probably tomorrow, although it is not necessary that Barnes's successor be named immediately, as the governor's commission will not expire until May 12. Mr. Jenkins will call on the President tomorrow morning and discuss with him the change that will result from his appointment in the politics of Oklahoma. Politicians in Washington who have watched the progress of the movement to have a new governor appointed were not surprised at the outcome, as for more than a week it has been generally understood that Barnes would go out and that Jenkins would succeed him.

## NEW MAINE'S LAUNCHING

Survivors of the Havana Harbor Disaster to be Invited

Philadelphia, April 16.—It has practically been decided by the Cramps Ship Building company to launch the United States battle ship Maine on Memorial day. Survivors of the original Maine and the widows and orphans of the sailors killed in Havana harbor will probably be invited to attend the launching.

## TREATED LIKE A BEAST

A Captain's Horrible Sufferings in a Mexican Prison.

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.

Sandiego, April 17.—Captain Thronson is here after serving eighteen months in a Mexican prison for a violation of the naval regulations. He says he was treated like a wild beast. He had no bedding and nothing to eat but bread and water for the last six weeks.

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A Girard man, so goes the story, wanted a bottle of whisky and trusted nobody whom he could send to Pittsburgh for it. Girard being dry. Finally his wife volunteered and he cheerfully handed her \$5. She brought the bottle back, but no change and when he inquired the cause informed him she was a Buffalo, and gave no change. Now he is gunning for the cuss who put her onto the joke.

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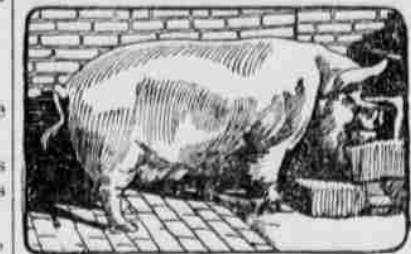
One of Allen county's well-to-do farmers renewed the mortgage on his farm the other day without even figuring with Henderson & Powell. That man was deceived as to the terms, and besides he paid a higher rate of interest than they would charge. If you want to borrow money on farm or city property, be sure to see them.

## YORKSHIRE WHITES.

Refutation of the Claim That They Blister in the Sun.

When a certain breed of stock in which one has been interested for the greater part of half a century is unfairly criticised by those who are interested in animals of another breed, one is apt to reply somewhat warmly. writes an Englishman in Live Stock Journal. Perhaps I have been guilty of this natural weakness in contraverting the assertions of those who have without any sufficient knowledge of the subject declared that the skins of Yorkshire white pigs blister when exposed to the sun.

It is somewhat curious that at the very time my letters refuting this allegation made by the apologists for the fallings of the large black pig were appearing in The Journal an old and



YORKSHIRE WHITE BOAR.

experienced breeder of black pigs in South Australia was writing to me asking me to ship to him and his sons a number of large white pigs, since he had proved the Yorkshires to be better in form, in quality of meat and in prolificacy than the Berkshires and Poland-Chinas which he had bred and successfully exhibited for many years and the large blacks which were imported last year. He then proceeds:

"The great outcry against white pigs here is that they will blister with our hot sun, but these Yorkshires we have been keeping for some years have stood the sun as well as the Berkshires and the Poland-Chinas. We have also been mating a large number of Berkshire sows with the Yorkshire boars and in all cases have had perfectly white pigs, which, as you will see by some correspondence we are mailing, caused quite a sensation at our last show."

From a newspaper comprising letters which appeared in The Australasian I gathered that great surprise was expressed at the whole of the cross Yorkshire and Berkshire pigs being perfectly white and their evident superiority in thrift and growth over the pure bred Berkshires and Poland-Chinas.

From the above it would appear as though the same parrot cry as to white pigs not standing the sun as well as the black pigs was to be found in Australia and has been also proved as conclusively to be without foundation as in this country.

## SILAGE FOR HORSES.

Not So Good For Them as For the Other Farm Animals.

Ensilage has long since passed the experimental stage, says C. D. Smead in The National Stockman. As a horse food it is not as good as for other animals, neither are green corn and cornstalks a food that all horses can eat largely without being made sick. But fed in small quantities to 40 out of 50 horses once or twice daily they do well upon it with other food of a dry nature.

Good silage is corn cut in a glazed state and well kept in a silo. The fermentation that it undergoes in the silo is practically the same that dry food undergoes after entering the stomach of an animal. The silage that some call sauerkraut is simply food so far digested. This is good silage I am speaking of.

Poor silage is poor food when it is moldy or vinegary in its nature. Then it is just like other moldy or sour food and will if largely fed produce similar results. There are a few cases on record where silage was fermented to the extent of making almost corn whisky of it. Horses when largely fed upon it become poisoned the same as they would had they been poisoned upon alcohol, producing a disease something like cerebral spinal meningitis. There are only two conditions under which silage could cause death of horses. The first is the condition of the silage spoken of, and the second they would have had to have been fed a large quantity of it.

## Concerning Calf Castration.

In my judgment no calf should be castrated under 6 months of age, and where they are not more than usually vigorous and growthy I would allow them to run the first winter and castrate them about the time they start on grass in the spring, writes a Kansas grower to The Breeder's Gazette. However, this extreme age of castration would not be advisable if dehorning is not to be practiced. I do not advocate this method on the theory that it would be less painful or dangerous to the calf, for the reverse is true, but on the theory that the calf acquires a more vigorous and robust constitution, grows a shorter leg, a shorter neck, a stronger jaw, is in every way nearer the form of an ideal feeding steer.

I would not cut the end from the scrotum, but split the end of each pocket separately; also split the stricken and take each testis out clean with cord. While this operation is in no wise dangerous, it should be done with care and cleanliness.

## Profits in Sheep.

Many experienced and successful sheep owners declare that the wool alone will pay for the keep of the sheep and that money derived from the sale of lambs and mutton should be clear gain. Upon such a basis there would seem to be little doubt that the profit from them must be greater than from any other class of stock.

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